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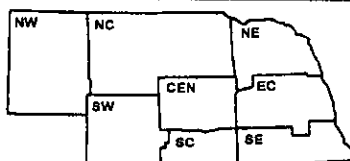
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WEATHER

Temperatures for the week were mainly all below normals across the State from near normals in the northeast to eight degrees below normals in the southeast. Precipitation ranged from traces to near three inches in the south central part of the State.

GENERAL

Fall row crop harvest was limited or at a complete standstill over most the State last week due to rain and snow storms that struck a week ago, according to the Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. By mid-week, some producers in northern and western counties were back in fields, however, most were waiting for soils to dry. Crop yield losses due to the previous week's storm appeared most noticeable in the east central and southeastern counties. Losses were reported highest on unharvested soybean and sorghum fields. State production forecasts will be published November 10. Elevators continued to pile grain outside and in temporary storage locations. Other farm activities included marketing grain, livestock care and equipment repair.

CROPS

Corn for grain harvest moved ahead only 3% during the week and was 66% complete. This is slightly behind 67% last year but ahead of 62% average.

CROPS (Cont.)

Soybean harvest progressed only 1% above the previous week with 92% combined as of Sunday. This is behind 100% last year and 98% average. Reports in the eastern parts of the State indicated that some soybean fields were flattened due to heavy snow.

Sorghum grain harvest advanced by 1% to 80% complete, ahead of 55% last year and 70% average. Heavy snow accumulation from previous week's storm caused stalk breakage in the southeast and east central counties.

Alfalfa condition improved from the previous week and rated 1% very poor, 9% poor, 29% fair, 56% good and 5% excellent.

Winter wheat condition improved from the previous week and rated 4% poor, 25% fair, 60% good and 11% excellent.

LIVESTOCK, PASTURE & RANGE

Pasture and range condition improved from the previous week and rated 4% very poor, 14% poor, 33% fair, 42% good, and 7% excellent. A few cattle losses were reported due to the storm. Muddy lots slowed cattle weight gain.

FIELD WORK PROGRESS AS OF NOVEMBER 2, 1997	AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS DISTRICTS								STATE	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR	AVER- AGE
	NW	NC	NE	C	EC	SW	SC	SE				
% Corn Harvested	40	57	62	60	73	60	75	76	66	63	67	62
% Soybeans Harvested	n/a	89	92	87	93	98	96	90	92	91	100	98
% Sorghum Harvested	n/a	84	100	69	90	70	79	80	80	79	55	70
DAYS SUITABLE AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION AS OF OCTOBER 31, 1997												
Days suitable	0.6	1.6	3.1	0.8	0.8	2.0	0.7	0.7	1.4	6.2	5.7	
Topsoil moisture - Very Short	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	
(Percent) - Short	0	5	9	0	1	8	0	0	3	18	23	
- Adequate	66	94	77	75	52	69	36	75	70	72	73	
- Surplus	34	1	13	25	47	23	64	25	27	8	3	
Subsoil moisture - Very Short	0	2	9	1	0	1	0	1	2	7	1	
(Percent) - Short	6	13	17	8	9	20	11	39	14	26	13	
- Adequate	94	82	65	76	84	76	71	60	77	65	84	
- Surplus	0	3	9	15	7	3	18	0	7	2	2	

n/a = not available.

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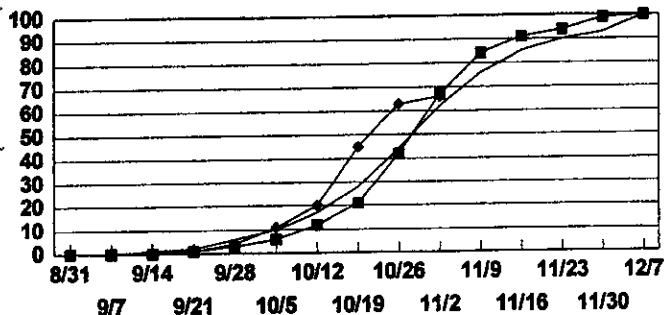
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CORN

HARVESTED FOR GRAIN

% HARVESTED



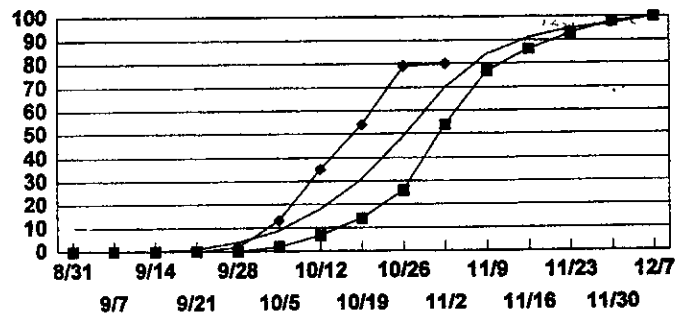
5 YEAR AVG 1996 1997

PROGRESS AS OF SUNDAY

SORGHUM

HARVESTED FOR GRAIN

% HARVESTED



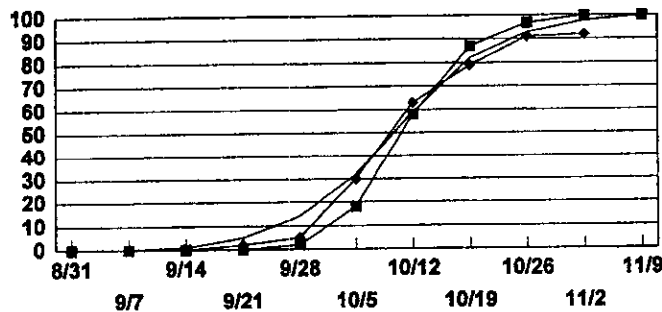
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PROGRESS AS OF SUNDAY

SOYBEANS

HARVESTED FOR ALL PURPOSES

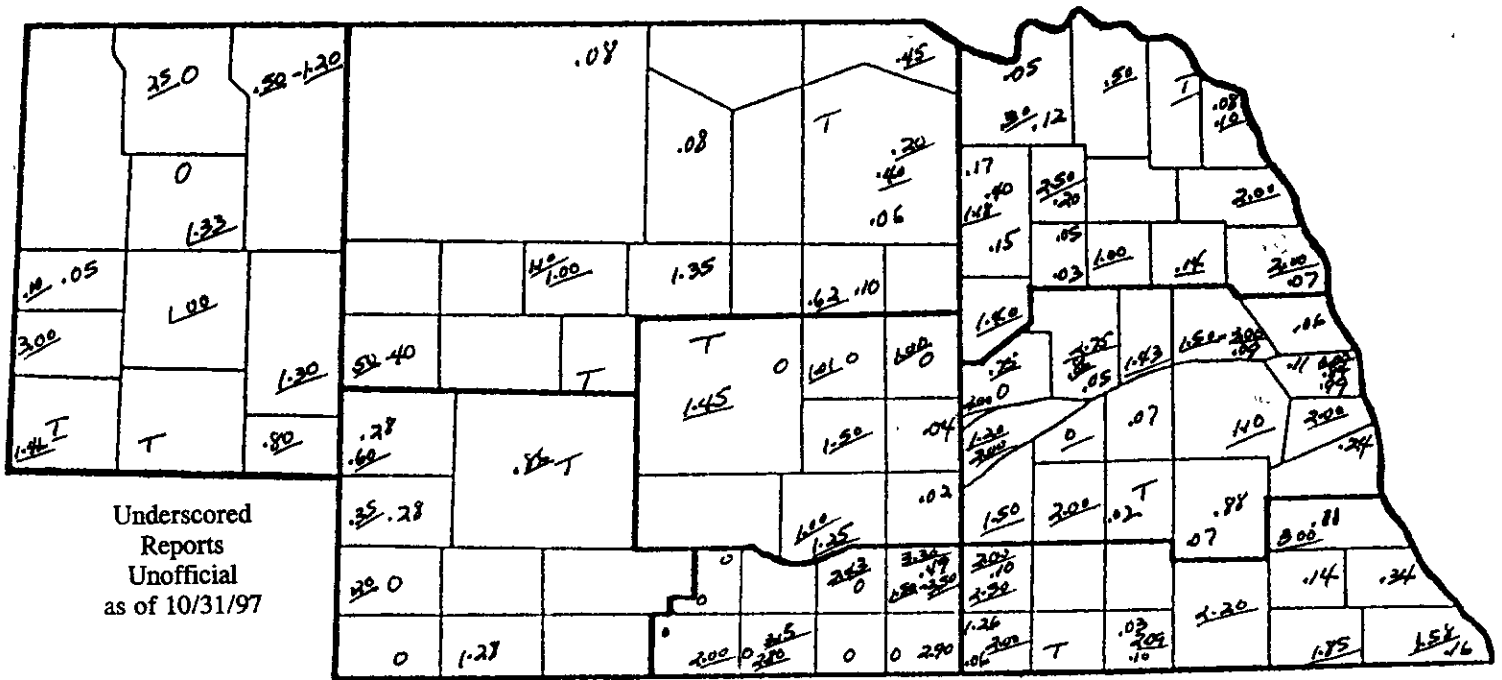
% HARVESTED



5 YEAR AVG 1996 1997

PROGRESS AS OF SUNDAY

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 1997



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 1997

Station	Temperature				Precipitation
	Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches
	Max	Min			
NW Chadron	65	-1	39	---	0
Scottsbluff	64	0	39	-4	.05
Sidney	62	1	38	---	T
NC Valentine	64	12	42	0	.08
NE Norfolk	67	12	40	-4	.05
Sioux City	68	15	41	-4	.08
CEN Grand Island	69	9	40	-5	.02
Ord	67	9	40	---	0
EC Lincoln	67	8	39	-8	.88
Omaha	62	14	40	-7	.84
SW Imperial	68	5	41	---	0
North Platte	66	15	41	-2	T